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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS PUBLISHES TASS INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY
SHULTZ STRESSING HIS OPTIMISM ON FUTURE OF SOVIET-
US ECONOMIC RELATIONS

1. PRAVDA JAN 6 CONTAINS THREE-COLUMN INTERVIEW WITH
SECRETARY SHULTZ BY TASS WASHINGTON CORRESPON-
DENT YURI LEVCHENKO, IN WHICH SECRETARY STRESSES CONSIDERABLE
PROGRESS MADE IN US-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS DURING 1973,
US GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION TO ATTEMPTS BY SOME MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS TO PREVENT NORMALIZATION OF US-SOVIET ECONOMIC
RELATIONS THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO TRADE BILL, AND EXPRESSES
OPTIMISM THAT RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS PLUS CONTINUED HARD
WORK WILL RESULT IN SUCCESS OF GOVERNMENT POSITION.

2. TASS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WIRE CARRIES SUMMARY WITH QUO-
TATIONS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT FOLLOWS.

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3. QUOTE: HEADLINE - USSR-USA: SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION.

SUB-HEADLINE: USA MINISTER OF FINANCE ON NORMALIZATION
OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE
PROGRESS IN THE NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
IN A CONVERSATION WITH A CORRESPONDENT OF TASS, USA FINANCE
MINISTER G. SHULTZ HAS STATED THAT 1973 WAS A YEAR OF
SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN
ALL AREAS, AND ABOVE ALL IN ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

UP TO THIS TIME, THE MINISTER NOTED, A SIGNIFICANT
GROWTH IN TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS
TAKEN PLACE, MANY AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN CON-
CLUDED, NUMEROUS CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN BUSINESS CIRCLES
AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.
ALL THIS HAS BROUGHT ABOUT AN INCREASE IN MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE
AND UNDERSTANDING, WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
THE EXPANSION OF TIES BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES, G. SHULTZ DECLARED THAT IT IS AN INTEGRAL
PART OF THE PROCESS OF REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS
AND HAS A DIRECT AFFECT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE.

NOW THE USSR AND THE USA, THE MINISTER CONTINUED, HAVE
AVAILABLE AN ACTUAL MECHANISM FOR CONSULTATION WHICH PERMITS
THEM TO EXPLORE NEW TRENDS AND AREAS OF COOPERATION, TO
STUDY AND DISCUSS COMPREHENSIVELY CONCRETE PROJECTS, TO
REACH DECISIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. IN THIS CONNECTION
HE EVALUATED HIGHLY THE ACTIVITY OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN
COMMISSION ON COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO MR. SHULTZ
THIS COMMISSION HAS BECOME AN OUTSTANDING FORUM FOR THE
DECISION OF QUESTIONS ARISING AS A RESULT OF THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF BROADER COOPERATION.

THE MINISTER STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT (PRAVITEL'STVO)
OF THE USA, AS BEFORE, IS AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE
NORMALIZATION OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THERE-
FORE "REGARDS AS UNACCEPTABLE"THE VERSION OF THE TRADE BILL
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APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE END OF
LAST YEAR. AS IS KNOWN, AT THAT TIME IN THE CONGRESS THE
OPPONENTS OF THE NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS
MANAGED TO INCLUDE IN THIS BILL AMENDMENTS BLICKING THE
APPLICATION OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT IN TRADE WITH
THE USSR AND MAKING THE GRANTING OF CREDITS DEPENDENT ON
ACTUAL INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET
UNION.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PRESS FOR REVOCATION OF THESE AMENDMENTS, SAID SHULTZ, WHEN THE BILL IS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION. THE GRANTING OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT IN NO WAY MEANS SOVIET GOODS WILL BE PLACED IN SOME KIND OF PRIVILEGED POSITION. THERE IS TALK ABOUT REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SOVIET GOODS. THEREFORE WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THIS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO EXPECT THE CURRENT FLOURISHING SITUATION IN TRADE (TO CONTINUE) IF IT MUST BE CONDUCTED ON AN UNEQUAL BASIS.

I AM INCLINED TO BE OPTIMISTIC, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE SAID IN CONCLUSION. AND THERE ARE SOULD REASONS FOR THIS. FIRST OF ALL, IN GETTING OUR COOPERATION UNDER WAY WE HAVE OBTAINED CONCRETE, TANGIBLE RESULTS, MOVING AWAY FROM A STALEMATE, DEAD CENTER POSITION. OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN LIMITED TO EXPRESSION OF GOOD WISHES OR INTENTIONS. SECONDLY, WE HAVE ALREADY COME UP AGAINST PROBLEMS WHICH AT FIRST GLANCE APPEARED TO BE WITHOUT SOLUTION. BUT AFTER PERSISTENT EFFORTS AND DISCUSSION WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY REACHED AGREEMENT. END QUOTE.SOMMERLATTE

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